(b) whether it is being sponsored by the Central Government; and

(c) if so, what are the objectives of such shows ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) National Housing Bank & Life Insurance Corporation of India are jointly sponsoring an exhibition entitled "Invest India-Delhi" from 30th September to 3rd October, 1990 at New Delhi. This is an exhibition of financial schemes and services of banks and financial institutions. It will provide an opportunity to exhibitors to present their products and services to current and potential investors under one roof and help them obtain intelligent investment and finance options and advice to maximise the returns from investments.

Production of natural and artificial flavours

3468. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated natural and artificial flavour production in the country;

(b) how many companies are engaged in this industry;

(c) whether there is any ban on using certain chemicals for making artificial flavours;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have conducted any study regarding side effects of artificial flavours on human health; and

(f) if so, what are the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) The flavours are almost entirely produced in the small scale sector and food flavour industry is not a monitored industry. However, according to available information there are six units engaged in the manufacture, of flavours in the organised sector.

(c) to (d) According to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 certain flavouring agents are prohibited in any article of good.

(e) and (f) Information is being collected and, to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of Marine Products

3469. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to boost export of marine products; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various steps taken by the Government to boost exports of marine products include :

(i) Stepping up production of by the development of capture fisheries;

(ii) Stepping up production of culture fisheries;

(iii) Induction of new technology and value addition;

(iv) Modernisation of processing facilities, quality upgradation and reduction in waste; and

(v) Aggressive market promotion measures.

Offer by NRIs to Invest in Real Estate

3470. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that at a recent meeting of the FICCI, the NRIs offered to invest in real estate, housing developments, plantations and other agricultural activities and also for wasteland development if adequate policy measures are framed to encourage them; and

(b) if so, what is Government reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) Several NRI organisations have in the past represented for permission to invest in real estate, housing development, plantation and other agricultural activities and also in the waste land development. Under the existing policy NRI's are permitted to purchase one residential property freely, but are not permitted to invest in real estate etc. Existing schemes, rules and regulations regarding NRI investments are continuously under review and suitable changes are made where necessary.

Remittances to India by the Indian Living Abroad

3471. SRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indians living abroad are facing distinct disadvantages in remitting money to India;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the letter published in 'The Statesman' Delhi edition dated the 15th August, 1990 in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) A letter to the Newspaper about difficulties in remittances faced by NRIs has come to our notice. Government is not aware of such problems being generally faced by NRIs. However, RBI has been advised to take appropriate action wherever considered necessary.

खाद और बीज की खरीद के लिए किसानों को केन्द्रीय सहायता

3472. **डा. अबरार अहमद खान** वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस वर्ष वर्षा शुरू होने के बाद केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा किसानों को उर्वरक और बीज की खरीद के लिए ऋण देने हेतु क्या प्रबंध किए गए हैं; और

(ख) राजस्थान में चालू वर्ष के दौरान अब तक बांटे गए नए कृषि ऋणों का ब्यौरा क्या है तथा दस हजार रुपये तक के ऋण माफ किए जाने की घोषणा के अनुसार कितने किसानों के पुराने ऋण माफ किए गए हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री अनिल शास्त्री : (क) और (ख) विभिन्न फसलों को उगाने के लिए उपलब्ध कराए जाने वाले बैंक वित्त की मात्रा जिला स्तर पर बनाए गए तकनीकी समिति द्वारा निर्धारित की जाती है जो खाद एवं बीज, मिट्टी की प्रकृति, जल की उपलब्धता, किसानों की खपत, आवश्यकता, मजदूरी इत्यादि सहित विभिन्न विशिष्टियों के प्रचलित लागत को ध्यान में रखकर उसका निर्धारण करती है । खाद की उपलब्धता और वितरण संबंधी व्यवस्था राज्य सरकारों द्वारा की जाती है और बैंकिंग क्षेत्र इस प्रयोजन के लिए वित्तपोषण करता है ।

राजस्थान के सहकारी बैंकों ने चालू वर्ष के जून 1990 तक की अवधि के लिए 13.08 करोड़ रुपए तक के नये कृषि ऋण दिए हैं । ऋण राहत योजना के अन्तर्गत किसानों के पहचान की प्रक्रिया जारी है और इस ऋण राहत योजना से लाभान्वित होने वाले उधारकर्ताओं को कार्रवाई पूरी होने के पश्चात् नये ऋण दिए जायेंगे ।

Creation/Upgradation of Posts in Secretariat Offices

3473. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions have been issued by his Ministry to the effect that the approval of the Cabinet is required to be taken for creation/upgradation of posts in Secretariat Offices after providing matching savings in equal proportions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that for the purpose of determination of matching